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TOPIC Dessau AirfieldEVALUATION See below

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1. Between 25 July and 8 August 1950 the Dessau (M 52/W 06) airfield was occupied by 300 to 400 men and a maximum of 19 jet fighters with swept-back wings, 3 conventional fighters and 2 biplanes. (1) The EM and some of the officers were quartered in two large buildings north and south of the Dessau-Alten (M 52/W 06) road.

2. The jet fighters made flights of about 40 minutes duration. (2) Immediately after landing they were refueled from small two-axle fuel trucks which could be pushed under the wings. (3) The aircraft were prepared for take-off in groups of four, eight men working on each plane. Four tank trucks of 2,500 to 3,000 liter capacity were on the southern edge of the field. [REDACTED]

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3. On 9 August 1950 the field was occupied by 20 jet fighters with swept-back wings, 14 conventional fighters, 2 biplanes, and 1 twin-engine plane with double rudder assembly. (1)

4. About 12 jet fighters with swept-back wings, 1 biplane and 3 single-engine planes, one a two-seater, were parked at the northeastern corner of the field on 15 August 1950. (1) Maintenance work was done on some of the jet planes. Four alerted jet fighters [REDACTED] were standing at the flight control station. (5) No flights were made.

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5. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 17 August 1950 the jet fighters were re-arranged and parked in two rows on the eastern edge of the field. Sixteen jet fighters with swept-back wings and one jet fighter with conventional wings and blue-gray paint were seen. The three single-engine planes and one biplane were at the same place as on 15 August 1950. (1) Individual take-offs were made by the biplane with a two-man crew. A radio truck at the flight control station was in operation. The service personnel were quartered in two four-story former administration buildings of the Junkers Firm on both sides of Dessau-Alten road. One was a corner building and the

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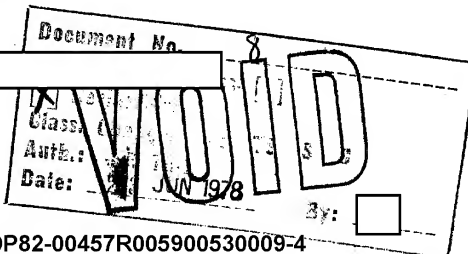
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other was smaller and on the side of the field. Offices, a dispensary and class rooms were in the latter. The officers were quartered in a settlement behind the large building and on the southern side of the road. Two weather huts were near the flight control station. (5)

Comments:

- (1) The occupation, reported [] is approximately the same but probably does not represent the total strength of aircraft at the field. [] reported the same occupation on 26 and 27 July 1950. [] According to previous observations the field is occupied by one fighter regiment which is equipped with a minimum of 30 type Mi jet planes. [] The exact number of conventional fighters assigned to the regiment is not known but has apparently recently decreased. 25X1
- (2) It has been observed that the average flying time of jet planes without an extra tank is about 45 minutes. 25X1
- (3) This is the first information on the use of such small fuel trucks which are believed to be starter generators. The observation that the jet planes are refueled immediately after their landing seems probable since it has repeatedly been reported from various airfields that fuel trucks, standing at the take-off point, were used for refueling planes upon their landing. It is assumed that the jet planes at all airfields in the Soviet Union and Germany are always alerted.
- (4) [] confirm the occupation of the field by a fighter unit. 25X1
- (5) The four jet planes are probably the alerted tactical formation. Such a formation is permanently stationed at a point. The alerted planes are apparently relieved every day. This is assumed from the observation that the planes seen on various days [] 25X1
- [] All of the jet planes of the fighter regiment in Dessau [] 25X1
- The weather huts which were seen for the first time presumably are for the pilots of the alerted aircraft.

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